

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USBERL 01052 210959Z

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 ACDA-07 TRSE-00 /065 W

-----211930Z 040759 /44

R 210900Z APR 77

FM USMISSION USBERLIN

TO AMEMBASSY BONN

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4411

AMEMBASSY BERLIN UNN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION USNATO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE USBERLIN 1052

E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, GE, GW

SUBJECT: SEW HOLDS 5TH PARTY CONGRESS

REF: USBERLIN 1002

1. SUMMARY: SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF WEST BERLIN ( SEW)  
REELECTED GERHARD DANIELIUS AS ITS CHAIRMAN AT 5TH PARTY  
CONGRESS HELD APRIL 15 THROUGH 17 IN WEST BERLIN. AS  
REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, FOREIGN DINITARIES INCLUDED  
GERHARD GRUENBERG, MEMBER OF POLITBURO AND SECRETARY  
OF EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY ( SED) AND IVAN KAPITONOV,  
SECRETARY OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SOVIET COMMUNIST  
PARTY CPSU), EACH OF WHOM CALLED FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE  
OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN. CONGRESS PRE-  
DICTABLY CONDEMNED BOTH GOVERNING WEST BERLIN SPD PARTY  
AND OPPOSITION CDU, AS WELL AS " PSEUDO-REVOLUNTIONARY  
GROUPINGS" IN WEST BERLIN. POSSIBLE DISRUPTION OF  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USBERL 01052 210959Z

CONGRESS BY EXTREME LEFT KPD DID NOT MATERIALIZE  
AS GROUP OF ABOUT 100 KPD DEMONSTRATORS WHICH  
APPEARED ON APRIL 15 WAS PEACEFUL AND EASILY CONTROLLED  
BY POLICE. END SUMMARY.

2. DANIELIUS, AGE 64 AND REPORTED IN ILL HEALTH, WHO  
HAS BEEN SEW PARTY CHAIRMAN SINCE 1969, RECEIVED

432 OF 451 BALLOTS CAST. THIS YEAR A RULE CHANGE PERMITTED TOW DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, HORST SCHMITT (52) AND DITTMAR AHRENS (46) TO BE ELECTED, REPLACING ERICH ZIEGLER, WHO HAD LONG SERVED AS SEW'S SINGLE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. ZIEGLER WAS NOT A CANDIDATE THIS TIME.

3. USING MODERATE TERMS, SED OFFICIAL GRUENEBERG EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL APPLICATION OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON WEST (SIC) BERLIN, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ITS "CORE PROPOSITION", NAMELY THAT WEST BERLIN IS NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND IS NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY IT. HE ACCUSED IMPERIALISTIC CIRCLES OF STRENGTHENING THEIR RESISTANCE TO PROCESS OF DETENTE AND OF TORPEDOING QA. HE ADDED THAT RECENT MEETING OF POLITICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF WARSAW PACT IN BUCHAREST HAD RECONFIRMED COMMITMENT TO QA. GRUENEBERG DECLARED THAT " WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN TENSION OVERWEST BERLIN, WHICH CAN ONLY BE INJURIOUS TO THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION." THE SOVIET UNION AND GDR ARE READY, HE ASSERTED, " TO REACT POSITIVELY TO OBJECTIVITY AND GOODWIL ON THE PART OF THE BERLIN SENAT " THERE ARE IN FACT MANY UNEXHAUSTED POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND ITS SOCIALIST SURROUNDING WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE GDR," IF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES WILL NOT CONTINUOUSLY APPLY THE AXE TO THE ROOTS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 USBERL 01052 210959Z

DETENTE BUT ARE LED BY REASON AND REALSIM.

4. KAPITONOV ECHOED CALL FOR UNFAILING OBSERVANCE OF QA, BUT DEVOTED EQUAL TIME TO EMPHASIZING SOVIET READINESS TO REDUCE WEAPONS AND FORCES ON RECIPROCAL BASIS. " UNFORTUNATELY," HE DECLARED , "THE IMPRESSION EXISTS THAT SOME OF THE (SOVIET UNION'SL WESTERN PARTNERS ARE NOT ACTING IN SINCERITY. THEY SOMETIMES DELIVER ARROGANT DECLARATIONS, BUT AT BOTTOM ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGES AND TO DISTURB THE EXISTING MILITARY BALANCE IN THEIR FAVOR."

5. SEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT DELIVERED AT CONGRESS ACCUSED BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR KLAUS SCHUETZ AND OPPOSITION CDU LEADERS PETER LORENZ AND HEINRICH LUMMER BY NAME OF UNDERTAKING EVERYTHING TO IMPERIL THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE QA AND OF POLICY OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE GDR. "RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES"

IN WEST BERLIN GOVERNMENT WERE DENOUNCED FOR ALLEGEDLY  
PUSHING ON NATO AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMPETENCE  
FOR WEST BERLIN THEY NEVER POSSESSED. WHILE TAKING  
NOTE OF CORRUPTION, NIGGARDLINESS, AND INCOMPETENCE  
IN SCHUETZ ADMINISTRATION, REPORT WARNED THAT CDU  
WAS WAITING FOR ITS TURN AT THE FEEDING TROUGH AND  
WOULD TURN WEST BERLIN EVEN FARTHER TO RIGHT.  
THIS, REPORT CONCLUDED, MUST BE PREVENTED. SEW  
COMMITTED ITSELF ELSEWHERE IN REPORT TO OBTAINING  
GREATER PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION IN WEST BERLIN.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, WITH ITS EMPHASIS  
ON "FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO WORK," MORE JOBS, SHORTER  
WORKING HOURS AND LONGER PAID VACATIONS, APPEARED  
AIMED PRIMARILY AT OBTAINING WORKERS' SUPPORT.  
UNEMPLOYMENT AND GOVERNMENT ECONOMY MEASURES WERE  
ATTRIBUTED TO GENERAL CRISIS OF CAPITALISM.  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 USBERL 01052 210959Z

OBVIOUS EFFORT TO APPEAL TO STUDENTS LAY  
BEHIND REPORT'S CALL FOR GREATER EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITIES AND END TO BERUFSVERBOT AND  
UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

7. EUROCOMMUNIST INCLINATIONS OF SOME SEW  
CHAPTERS NOTWITHSTANDING, CONGRESS PROVIDED NO  
EVIDENCE OF SEW INDEPENDENCE. CONGRESS STRESSED  
CLOSER WEST BERLIN TIES WITH GDR AND SOVIET UNION,  
AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT WARNED UNNAMED  
"ENEMIES" THAT THEY WERE "MISTAKEN IF THEY BELIEVE  
THE GREAT FAMILY OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES  
WOULD FALL APART." ALTHOUGH "DISCUSSIONS"  
BETWEEN PARTIES WERE PERFECTLY NORMAL, "THE  
PREDOMINANT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IS AND REMAINS THE STRENGTHENING  
OF ITS UNITY."  
GEORGE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** POLICIES, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, BERLIN QUADRIPARTITE MATTERS, STATUS OF BERLIN, POLITICAL PARTIES, FORM OF GOVERNMENT  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 21-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977USBERL01052  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770139-0209  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** USBERLIN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770431/aaaabauq.tel  
**Line Count:** 157  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 973930a1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 USBERLIN 1002  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 02-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2731832  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SEW HOLDS 5TH PARTY CONGRESS  
**TAGS:** PGOV, PFOR, WB, GC, GE, SEW, SED, (DANELIUS, GERHARD), (KAPITONOV, IVAN),  
**To:** BONN  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/973930a1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009